



City of San Marcos
HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING APPLICATION
Fiscal Year 2023

Name of Agency/Organization: Hays-Caldwell Women's Center

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Program Title: Roxanne's House (Child Abuse Program)

Amount of Funds Requested: \$25,000

Status: (check one) Existing Program Program Expansion New Program

Briefly describe the program proposed for funding and the services it provides:

Roxanne's House is the Children's Advocacy Center of HCWC, which exists to collaborate with our partner agencies while they investigate and prosecute child abuse cases, specifically sexual abuse, physical abuse, and neglect as well as to provide counseling and advocacy to child abuse victims and their protective caregivers. Roxanne's House is a child-centered facility with trained staff specializing in child abuse issues and trauma including licensed counselors, forensic interviewers, and advocates. HCWC facilitates a multidisciplinary team to ensure cooperation between the Center, law enforcement prosecutors, Child Protective Services, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, and Court Appointed Special Advocates.

Describe who will benefit from this program and how:

Roxanne's House provides the following services to child victims and their protective caregivers in the San Marcos area:

- Case management, trial preparation, recorded forensic interviews
- Counseling and support groups
- Legal advocacy
- Coordination of activities with the multidisciplinary team
- Liaison with appropriate agencies
- Assist victims in securing resources (e.g. Texas Crim Victims Compensation)
- Information and referral services
- Onsite Sexual Assault Forensic medical exams for chronic sexual abuse

If requested funds are to be used as matching funds, identify source and amount of primary grants:

Source: VOCA CAC-Victims of Crime Act (20% Match required—match is temporarily suspended) Amount: \$383,307.52

Source: _____ Amount: _____

Client Information Specific to This Program:

1) Describe the direct clients for this program.

Child survivors of sexual abuse, physical abuse and/or neglect, and secondary survivors including siblings of the victim and the protective caregiver(s) of child abuse victims. We work with these children and caregivers while the case is being investigated by the criminal justice system and Child Protective Services and beyond when appropriate. We serve clients both face-to-face and virtually using telehealth and video conferencing.

2) How is the program marketed to direct clients? How do you find these clients?

Clients are initially referred to Roxanne’s House by Law Enforcement and/or Child Protective Services for forensic interviews as part of their initial investigation. Roxanne’s House staff also receive Statewide Intakes daily from Child Protective Services and if it is necessary, they schedule a Forensic Interview with them. Additionally, children are referred to Roxanne’s House by the District Attorney’s office.

3) Describe the indirect clients for this program, if any.

Any individual who calls our 24-hour HELpline for information on child abuse services.

4a) Expected total annual unduplicated direct clients for this program:

611 children and 453 adults

4b) Expected annual unduplicated direct clients who are City of San Marcos residents:

154 children and 90 adults

5) Does program participation depend upon income or any other determination of eligibility?

No: X

Yes: _____ If yes, please attach a copy of the eligibility guidelines.

Submitted and approved by:

Sam Tuzo
Signature of Board President

07/27/2022
Date

Samantha Tuzo
Printed Name of Board President



HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING QUESTIONNAIRE FY 2023

The Board strongly requests that all answers be typed.
Most responses should be at least 75 words per question.

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS.

1. What is the agency's or organization's mission?

The purpose of the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center is to create an environment where violence and abuse are not tolerated in the communities we serve. The Center will provide education, violence prevention services, and crisis intervention to victims of family violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. We will seek the support and resources necessary to meet this mission.

2. Regarding the program for which funding is being requested, what evidence suggests this program is needed in San Marcos or nearby?

Last year alone our Forensic Interviewers conducted 533 Forensic Interviews and the program served a total of 629 children. When a child is abused or neglected, whether it is a one-time incident or recurring abuse, their experiences can affect them the rest of their lives. With trauma-informed counseling and processing, even children with extreme cases can begin to understand that the abuse they suffered was not their fault and they can begin to heal. Roxanne's House is the only Children's Advocacy Center serving Hays County and the resources we provide are unmatched.

3. What specific, measurable outcomes or results do you hope to achieve with this program?

Roxanne's House exists to serve child abuse victims. Our goal is for 75% of the children surveyed to express that they feel safer as a result of the services they received from Roxanne's House. We use computerized outcome surveys for clients to complete online. The results are tabulated and tracked. The survey is comprised of both open ended and standardized questions. When asked to share information about their experience at Roxanne's House, one child recently responded, "I like counseling and learning ways to cope with what I feel and think."

4. How will you measure results throughout the year?

HCWC uses a two-pronged approach to outcome measurement and measuring program success. All clients served at Roxanne's House are entered into a database and all services provided are recorded and tracked. Additionally, we utilize the surveys mentioned in the question above to track and analyze the success of our programs.

5. Please answer the following questions if funding is requested for staff:

These funds, if received, will not be used for salaries or staffing.

- a. List the title of each position for which funding is requested, how many hours per week will be spent on this program vs other programs, and the activities associated with each position.
- b. If staff funding requests can only be partially funded, how will you supplement the funding to cover the remainder needed?
- c. Staff pay may only be funded for one year. What will you do to provide for this position next year?

6. Funding Questions:

a. What has your organization done in the past two years to raise different funding for this program?
 HCWC is committed to achieving our mission of creating an environment where violence and abuse are not tolerated in the communities we serve. We pursue many available resources to achieve this goal. Most of the funding for this program comes from federal and state grants along with a significant contribution from our main foundation grant partner, the St. David’s Foundation.

b. What do you plan to do this year to find different funding for this program?
 Local funds, such as those received from the City of San Marcos, are crucial to our continued ability to provide free and confidential services to local victims of abuse. That said, we strive to increase our individual giving and community support through donor cultivation, awareness campaigns, and strategic giving. We are committed to raising funds through any available resources in order to provide critical and life changing services to local victims of child abuse.

7. What additional funding is your agency requesting for this program?

Funding Source	Amount Requested	Amount Granted	Pending (Y/N)
N/A			
VOCA CAC-Victim’s of Crime Act Children’s Advocacy Center (Federal)	\$383,307.52	\$383,307.52	No
Children’s Advocacy Centers of Texas	\$255,455.27	\$255,455.27	No
Children’s Advocacy Centers of Texas Mental Health	\$97,500.00	\$97,500.00	No
St. David’s Foundation	\$89,432.14	\$83,432.14	No
Christus Community Impact Fund	\$31,000.00	\$31,000.00	No

8. Describe any differences between the way you had proposed spending last year’s allocation and the way you spent it.

We were able to utilize the allocated funds exactly how we planned.

9. How many volunteers does your agency or organization have and how many hours do they spend on the program requesting funding?

Last year 120 interns and volunteers contributed 7,531 hours (the equivalent of 3.62 full time employees) to the agency. Volunteers assist with answering our HELPLine, offering HEARTeam hospital response, and providing other direct services.

10. Board of Directors Questions:

a. How is the agency's or organization's Board of Directors selected?

We strive for our Board of Directors to reflect our client population in terms of diversity. Each year the Board make-up is analyzed, and potential members are identified based on needs. The Nominating Committee interviews potential members, and a slate of members is presented for a vote at our Annual Meeting. We seek board members from every town we serve, from various professional disciplines, and from diverse backgrounds.

b. How often does the Board meet?

The Board meets monthly with the exception of December. The 17 elected and voting members had an overall attendance rate of 82% in FY2021. In addition to elected members, we have three Children's Advocacy Center Partner Agency Board Representatives and one Emeritus Board Members for a total of 21 members.

c. What actions do Board members take to support the programs of the agency or organization?

Every board member is assigned to one of three committees, which are Operations, Finance, and Public Awareness/Fundraising. Board members are assigned to a committee according to their specific area of expertise and interest. Committees meet regularly to discuss necessary changes to programming, policies, and procedures. All board members are community advocates for the Center and the clients we serve.